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CURTIS CRUTCHFIELD: Despite warnings that it would violate First Amendment freedom-of-press freedoms, the House yesterday passed a bill that sets jail terms for persons disclosing the identities of U.S. intelligence officers.

Bill Schaap (?) of the Covert Action Information Bulletin says that the bill was primarily aimed at that magazine and ex-CIA agents who have broken with the intelligence network, like Philip Agee. But he went on to point out that should the bill become law, no one will be safe.

BILL SCHAAP: It wasn't any surprise to us. We've been following it for three years. The problem was that the CIA created a myth, and some Congress people helped create that myth, that the bill was only going to affect the Covert Action Information Bulletin, and therefore other people, straight media and so on, didn't have to worry about it.

We've been saying from the very beginning that there's no such thing as a bill against us that isn't a bill against them. And, in fact, the New York Times and Washington Post and everyone else are going to have real problems with this bill if it goes through, problems which they've only just recently begun to recognize.

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